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XXII.  
And meet  
four times in  
the year, &c.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That the said trustees, or the major part of them, shall and they are hereby directed and enjoined to meet at the alms and work-house in Washington county four times in the year, in the first week in May, August, October, December, or oftener, if it should by them be deemed necessary, to make and ordain, by a majority of votes of such as may be present, all such good and wholesome ordinances, rules and by-laws, as they shall think convenient and necessary for the direction, government and support, of the alms and work-house in said county, and also for the cleanliness, maintenance and employment, of all such poor persons as shall be taken under their care, and of all vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and offenders, that shall be committed thereto by virtue of this act; all which ordinances, rules and by-laws, shall be, from time to time, inviolably observed by all persons concerned, according to the tenor and effect thereof.

Overseer to  
keep a fair list  
of all poor,  
&c.

XIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said overseer shall keep a fair and regular list of all poor, and of all beggars, vagrants, vagabonds and offenders, who shall be committed to his said alms and work-house, and also fair and regular accounts, in writing, of all materials and other things coming to his hands as overseer aforesaid, and all expences and charges attending their maintenance and support, and of all monies received by him for the sale of the produce of their labour, and otherwise, as overseer aforesaid, and shall lay the said lists and accounts before the trustees of said county, or the major part of them, at their meetings at the times by this act directed, or oftener, if by them required.

And may  
compel them  
to work, &c.

XIV. **And be it enacted,** That the said overseer may compel and oblige any of the said poor, beggars, vagrants and vagabonds, or offenders, in his alms and work-house, if of a sufficient ability, to work and labour, and the produce of their labour he is hereby directed and empowered to sell, and apply the money arising from such sale to their maintenance and support.

Disorderly  
persons may  
be com-  
mitted, &c.

XV. **And be it enacted,** That upon complaint made, that any person, from his or her disorderly conduct, gives disturbance to his or their neighbourhood, and is likely to become chargeable to the said county, it shall and may be lawful for any one magistrate of the said county, if upon hearing the party he shall judge the complaint to be well founded, to commit such disorderly person, residing within the said county, to the said work-house, for any time not exceeding three months, unless he or she shall find security, at the discretion of the magistrate aforesaid, in any sum not exceeding thirty dollars, for his or her good behaviour during the space of six months; and also upon complaint, and due proof made by the overseer of the said alms and work-house, to any one trustee, that any vagrant, vagabond or beggar, in the work-house, hath behaved and demeaned him or herself in a disorderly manner, or hath refused or neglected to do and perform his or her daily labour or task, or hath refused or neglected to obey, keep and observe, any of the ordinances, rules and by-laws, of the said corporation, to order and direct such moderate and proper correction, not exceeding fifteen lashes for any one offence, to be given to such offender, as the nature of the case may require.

Trustees to  
direct what  
poor shall be  
received, &c.

XVI. **And be it enacted,** That it shall and may be lawful to and for any of the said trustees to direct and appoint, under their hand in writing, what poor shall be received into the alms and work-house of said county; and it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace for the said county, and for any person authorised and appointed by such justice, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended and committed to the said work-house, any vagrants, vagabonds, beggars, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly persons, found loitering or residing in said county, who follow no labour, trade, occupation or business, and have no visible means of subsistence whereby to acquire an honest livelihood, there to be kept at hard labour for any time not exceeding three months; and the overseer of such alms and work-house shall be obliged to receive any poor appointed as aforesaid to be received, and any vagrant, vagabond, beggar, and other idle, dissolute and disorderly person, so as aforesaid committed.

XVII. **And**